

2014 YMCA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The 25th annual YMCA High School Mock Trial Competition for King County, co-sponsored by the King County Superior Court, took place in a series of weekend and evening trials between February 22 and March 3, 2014. The event was a district level competition leading up to the state championships to be held in Olympia March 28-30.

Once again this year, the students had a lively and topical case to try. It involved a prosecution for rendering criminal assistance to an individual suspected in the disappearance of a young woman from Sri Lanka. The plotline combined elements from Charles Dickens' 1870 Mystery of Edwin Drood with Gillian Flynn's 2012 Gone Girl. The learning experience was enhanced with issues of domestic violence, police drones, an insider trading scandal and immigration law.

The High School Mock Trials are a program of YMCA Youth & Government. Besides the YMCA, the program receives support from various lawyers and judges associations and is also dependent on hundreds of volunteer hours. The trials were presided over by King County Superior Court Judges **Beth Andrus, Bill Bowman, Tim Bradshaw, William Downing, Helen Halpert, Bruce Heller, Hollis Hill, Laura Inveen, Dean Lum, Sean O'Donnell, Patrick Oishi, Sue Parisien, Judy Ramseyer, Carol Schapira, Ken Schubert, Catherine Shaffer**, Superior Court Commissioner **Jackie Jeske**, King County District Court Judges **Eileen Kato** and **Paul Burton**, Federal Way Municipal Court Judge **Dave Larson**, and Administrative Law Judge **Nicole Gaines**.

The twenty-one judges were joined by sixty-three volunteer lawyers who gave generously of their time and talents to rate the trial performances of the young lawyers and witnesses. Championship round scorers were Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting attorney Mark Larson, Thomas O'Toole (President of Sound Jury Consulting), and King County Bar Association President Anne Daly.

The popular and growing event ran smoothly thanks to the administrative help of Ricki Reese, Cameron Reese, Debra Bailey Trail, Joy Fernandes, Stevie Craig, Janet Llapitan, Michael Ellis, Skip Fuller, Kirby Pierce and Loyce Weishaar.

As always, each one of the several hundred student participants went home a winner with all that was learned about the rules of society and about his or her own abilities. Congratulations to all!

This year's King County Champion is **Franklin High School**. They, along with teams from **Seattle Prep, University Prep** and the **International Community School** will all advance to the State Competition.

Here are the final official results of the competition:

TEAM	WINS	BALLOTS	POINTS
1. Franklin – F	5	13	2490
2. Seattle Prep – P	4	12	2493
3. University Prep – K	4	10	1984
4. Seattle Prep – Q	3	9	1909
5. University Prep – L	3	8	1846
6. Int'l. Comm. School – I	2	8	2000
7. Seattle Prep – R	2	7	2007
8. Eastside Catholic – E	2	7	1918
9. Garfield – G	2	5	1774
10. Bush – B	1	4	1978
11. Jefferson Comm. Ctr. – C	1	3	930
12. Bishop Blanchet- A	1	2	844
13. Jefferson Comm. Ctr. - D	0	1	898
14. Nathan Hale – N	0	1	767
15. Seattle Academy – S	0	0	980
16. Int'l. Comm. School – J	0	0	954
17. Chief Sealth - O	0	0	854
18. University Prep – M	0	0	851
19. Garfield – H	0	0	840

In the championship round, these special awards were given out:

Outstanding Witness: Olivia Morrow

Outstanding Attorney: Elizabeth Huse

In the earlier rounds, the following students also received special recognition:

Outstanding Attorneys:

Bishop Blanchet: Phillip Barber, Val Cornejo

Bush School: Claire Fahlman, Grant Friedman, MacKenzie Patton Donnelly

Chief Sealth: Isabel Lafky, Sam Orlin

Eastside Catholic: Sarah Bosworth, Andrew Franke, Jared Hector, John Merle, Kat Towslee

Franklin High School: Cierra Brandi Appolonio, Macallan Craig, Albert Fujii, Elizabeth Huse, Rachel Kaftan

Garfield High School: Griffin Stoddard, Joseph Volk

International Community School: Alexandra Bartos-O'Neill, Nisha Behrman, Sonia Jaidka, Leina McDermott, Thomas Karagounis, Rachel Roberts

Jefferson Community Center: Denise Chen, Mingying Feng, Kaela Jackson, Victoria Vong

Nathan Hale High School: Jesse Moffitt, Ana Silverstein

Seattle Academy: Julia Delaney, Grace Gedye

Seattle Prep: Eliot Evans, Katherine Gavin, Caroline Genster, Travis Kroeger, Erik Kuebler, Thomas Mallick, Molly McCarthy, Davis Pessner, Casey Schmidt, Elizabeth Shields, Daniel Sullivan

University Prep: Varun Chandorkar, Carlin Cerry, Michelle Galetti, Neil Jain, Kristine Kwon, Shawn Owens, Kathryn Patz, Julianna Werffeli

Outstanding Witnesses:

Bishop Blanchet: Waylon Robert

Bush School: Madison Onsager, Julia Paulson, Julia Smith

Chief Sealth: Luke Garlock, Kiera Payne, Noelle Tuchscherer

Eastside Catholic: Thomas Bourns, Catrina Crittenden, Daniel Groven, Eric Soldenwagner

Franklin High School: Sabrina Arfi, Rachel Kaftan, Kohl Travis, Kyrliia Young

Garfield High School: Camille Fain, Michael Lynch, Maddie Mann, Sophie Manum, Sivan Tratt

International Community School: Olivia Abouelheiga, Anmol Bajpai, Adam Davis, Dorothy Jiang, Riley Stockard

Jefferson Community Center: Nancy Au, Shirley Chen, Brian Huang

Nathan Hale High School: Per Bergstrom, Vivian Chuang

Seattle Academy: Sydney Israel, Kellen O'Brien

Seattle Prep: Arthi Bhaskaran, Michael Caloger, Navin Fernandes, Chris Jellen, Isabella Kres-Nash, Alex McCullough, Nathaniel Post, Sarah Reuter, Evan Sarantinos, Ryan Sodora, Michael Thorson, Sasu Techane

University Prep: Annie Cohen, Hugo Hansen, Jacob Iglitzin, Megan Kaufmann, Caroline Marks, Hana Neutz, Erica Ng, Katherine Thomas

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